



## **DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012**

The Downtown Commission and Design Commission convened in a joint meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Austin, Texas.

Chairs Mandy Dealey and James Shieh called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

### **Downtown Commission Members in Attendance:**

Mandy Dealey (Chair), Kevin Foster, Jude Galligan, Robert Knight, Dan Leary, Rich MacKinnon, Joel Sher, Joah Spearman, Heather Way, Bruce Willenzik

### **Design Commission Members in Attendance:**

James Shieh (Chair), Dean Almy, Juan Cotera, Evan Taniguchi, Jeanie Wiginton

### **City Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Knox, Sue Lambe, and Fred Evins, EGRSO; Tonya Swartzendruber, PDRD

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

## **2. JOINT MEETING WITH DESIGN COMMISSION ON SEAHOLM SUBSTATION WALL AIPP PROJECT**

City staff and the design team presented work in progress in design development, and received comments from the commissions.

The joint meeting was adjourned, and after a brief recess the Downtown Commission meeting was called to order.

## **3. INTRODUCTIONS**

Members made introductions, including new members Rich MacKinnon (Urban Transportation Commission), and Joah Spearman (Austin Music Commission).

## **4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no citizens speaking under general communications.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15 MEETING**

The minutes from the February 15 meeting were approved on an 8-0-2 vote on Commission member Sher's motion, Commission member Willenzik's second, with Commission members MacKinnon and Spearman abstaining.

**6. 3<sup>RD</sup> & COLORADO (C14-2012-0028) – PROPOSED REZONING FROM CBD-CURE @ 12:1 FAR TO 15:1 FAR, AND ALLOW LOADING AND UNLOADING WITHIN THE ALLEY**

A motion to support the request, subject to voluntary compliance with the Downtown Density Bonus Program as it is finally codified, failed on Commission member Knight's motion, Commission Member Sher's second, on a 7-3 vote, with Commission members Galligan, Knight, MacKinnon, Leary, Sher, Spearman and Willenzik voting yes, Commission members Dealey, Foster and Way voting no.

**7. DOWNTOWN AUSTIN WAYFINDING PROGRAM**

Tonya Swartzendruber, PDRD, briefed the Commission on the work in progress and received comments from the Commission.

**8. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

Commission member Heather Way reported on the work of the Bylaws and Procedures Working Group, and made a motion to approve the recommended bylaws changes. After discussion, the item was postponed until the May 16 meeting.

Commission member Way then presented the recommended procedures for reviewing proposed projects. Action on this was also postponed until the May 16 meeting.

Commission member Kevin Foster reported on the work of the Heritage Tree Ordinance Working Group.

**9. NEW ITEMS FOR INFORMATION FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commission member Heather Way discussed the upcoming bond election. This may be placed on an upcoming agenda.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff liaison Michael Knox alerted the Commission to the upcoming PlazaLife event in Frost Bank Plaza April 26-28.

**11. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Action items from Working Groups
- Bond Election

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mandy Dealey adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m. without objection.